

City of Beverly, Massachusetts

PRESS RELEASE

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RE: BEVERLY AWARDED \$15,000 DIVISION OF MARINE FISHERIES GRANT

BEVERLY – The City of Beverly was recently awarded a \$15,000 grant from the Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries to make improvements and repairs to the Beverly Pier at Glover Wharf. Beverly was one of four Massachusetts communities to receive \$50,000 in grants from the Massachusetts Department of Fish and Game's Division of Marine Fisheries Public Access Small Grant Program. Other communities who received grants include Lynn, New Bedford and Marshfield. Funding for the grants is generated from the sale of recreational saltwater fishing permits.

Grant funding will be used to repair and maintain the pier planks so accessibility is ensured for the public. Proper maintenance of the fishing pier is of critical importance to the Beverly fishing community and for visitors to maintain safe, reliable access. Additionally, many organizations enjoy access to the Beverly pier for educational programming including Beverly Public Schools, Endicott College, Glen Urquhart School, Salem Sound Coastwatch and Waring School.

Beverly Mayor Michael Cahill commented "Thanks to the Division of Marine Fisheries for this grant funding to support repairs to the Beverly pier. This project will ensure that the public can access this resource safely and will provide an inviting point of entry that is ADA compliant"

"The Beverly pier is very popular for fishing year-round, access to boat slips, community events and for visitors to enjoy the free public way. The pier maintenance project is important to provide safe access for all to enjoy the waterfront", stated Rob Dever of the City of Beverly's Engineering Department.

